

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claim 14 as indicated below. Such amendments do not add any new matter to the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a claim listing including the status and text of all claims as currently presented appears below.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. (Currently Amended) A lottery ticket comprising:

a) a first play area comprising a plurality of first jig-saw type puzzle pieces imprinted therein, each having an irregular shape and at least one first irregular shaped mating surface comprising a projection or cavity adapted to mate to a complimentary mating surface comprising a projection or cavity of at least one other first jig-saw type puzzle piece, said first jig-saw type puzzle pieces being covered by a removable scratch-off layer;

b) a second play area comprising ~~at least one~~ a plurality of second play regions, each second play region containing at least two second jig-saw type puzzle pieces imprinted therein and mated to form a shape, up to all of the second jig-saw type puzzle pieces which are exposed after removal of the scratch-off layer, and wherein at least two of the second play regions form different shapes comprised of differently shaped jig-saw type puzzle pieces; and

c) a jig-saw puzzle piece identification system comprising identification means comprising first indicia appearing on at least some of the jig-saw type puzzle pieces and second indicia appearing on all of the second jig-saw type pieces wherein a match of first and second indicia is indication of a match between the first and second jig-saw type puzzle pieces;

wherein if at least two second jig-saw type puzzle pieces in a second play region are matched with first jig-saw type puzzle pieces in the first play area a prize may be won.

2. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein the at least two second jig-saw type puzzle pieces are mated to each other or at least one other second jig-saw type puzzle piece through a mating surface.

3. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 2 wherein the at least one mating surface comprises at least one projection or cavity or combination thereof complimentary in shape to a corresponding projection or cavity in the mating surface of another first jig-saw type puzzle piece.

4. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 1 comprising a plurality of second play regions.

5. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein the first play area comprises a plurality of individual spaces, each space containing at least one first jig-saw type puzzle piece.

6. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 4 wherein each of the second play regions contains the same number of second jig-saw type puzzle pieces.

7. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 4 wherein not all of the second play regions contain the same number of second jig-saw type puzzle pieces.

8. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein the first play region comprises a plurality of individual spaces, each space containing at least one first jig-saw type puzzle covered by a scratch-off layer, wherein up to all of the first jig-saw type puzzle pieces are exposed by removing the scratch-off layer.

9. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 8 wherein less than all of the first jig-saw type puzzle pieces are exposed by removal of the scratch-off layer.

10. (Withdrawn) The lottery ticket of claim 1 further comprising a bonus section containing at least one first jig-saw type puzzle piece.

11. (Withdrawn) The lottery ticket of claim 1 further comprising at least one bonus game region in the second play area.

12. (Withdrawn) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first and second jig-saw type puzzle pieces comprises an instant win feature.

13. (Original) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein the second jig-saw type puzzle pieces in at least one of the second play regions forms a pattern.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein all of the second play regions have different patterns of different jig-saw type puzzle pieces.

16. (Previously Presented) The lottery ticket of claim 1 wherein the first and second indicia comprises at least one symbol printed on the jig-saw type puzzle pieces.